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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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NEC NEG-298

In Re Application Of: TAKAHASHI et al.

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Inventor: Buffer Circuit, Buffer Tree, and Semiconductor Device

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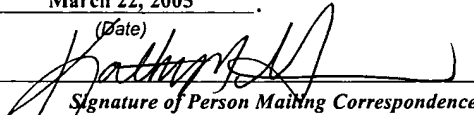
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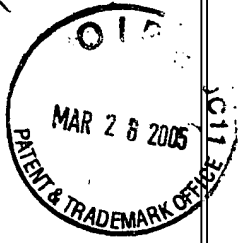
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicants hereby attach U.S. Patent Office form PTO-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein. English language abstracts are provided for Examiner's convenience. The references were cited in the Korean Office Action dated January 27, 2005 of the underlying Korean patent application. Enclosed is a copy of the Korean Office Action, together with an English translation of the relevant portions thereof. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

This information disclosure statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(A). No representation is made that the

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information thus disclosed in fact constitutes prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designed in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of the country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted therewith.

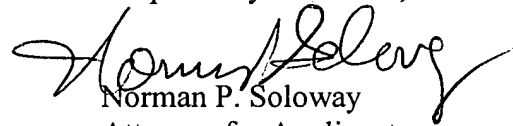
The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the Korean Office Action, as certified in the attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement.

Form PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is enclosed. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please credit them, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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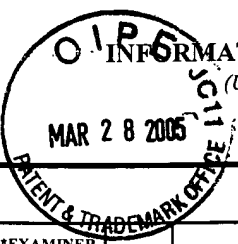
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